

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Group Art Unit No.: 2131

Amol Khare, et al.

Examiner: Shin Hon Chen

Serial No.: 10/820,980

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PREVENTING NETWORK ATTACKS BY
AUTHENTICATING INTERNET CONTROL
MESSAGE PROTOCOL PACKETS

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Commissioner for Patents

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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2008 the shortened statutory period for which runs until December 24, 2008. Please reconsider the subject application in light of the remarks herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 14.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and RCE fee are filed concurrently herewith.